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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to transfer procedures for and compensation of health care providers outside of the IowaCare provider network and requiring the development and implementation of a plan to transport eligible IowaCare members. 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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Section 1. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 249J.24A NONPARTICIPATING 2 PROVIDER EXPANSION POPULATION PROVIDER NETWORK == TRANSFER 3 PROCEDURE == COMPENSATION FUND.

1. The department shall establish a procedure to transfer 5 an expansion population member who seeks medical care or 6 treatment from a nonparticipating provider in the expansion 7 population provider network to a participating provider in the 1 8 expansion population provider network, if medically possible.
1 9 If transfer is not medically possible or if the participating
1 10 provider refuses to accept the transfer of the expansion 1 11 population member, the nonparticipating provider shall be 1 12 compensated through the nonparticipating provider expansion 1 13 population provider network compensation fund in accordance 1 14 with subsection 2.

- 1 15 2. a. A nonparticipating provider expansion population 1 16 provider network compensation fund is created in the state 1 17 treasury under the authority of the department. Moneys 1 18 designated for deposit in the fund that are received from 1 19 sources including but not limited to appropriations from the 1 20 general fund of the state, grants, and contributions shall be 1 21 deposited in the fund.
- 1 22 b. Moneys in the fund shall be separate from the general 1 23 fund of the state and shall not be considered part of the 1 24 general fund of the state. The moneys deposited in the fund 1 25 are not subject to section 8.33 and shall not be transferred, 1 26 used, obligated, appropriated, or otherwise encumbered, except 1 27 to provide for the purposes specified in this section. 1 28 Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or 29 earnings on moneys deposited in the fund shall be credited to 30 the fund.
- c. Moneys deposited in the fund shall be used only to 1 32 compensate health care providers who are not participants in 33 the expansion population provider network pursuant to section 34 249J.7, who provide services to expansion population members, 35 if no other third party is liable for reimbursement for the 1 services provided.
 - d. In order to be compensated through the fund, a health 3 care provider shall submit a claim to the department for 4 compensation and reimbursement of expenses incurred in 5 providing services to an expansion population member. 6 department shall adopt rules relating to the format of and the 7 information to be included in the claims submitted. A claim 8 shall be submitted to the department within forty=five days of 9 provision of the service.

Sec. 2. PLAN FOR TRANSPORT OF ELIGIBLE IOWACARE MEMBERS. 2 11 The university of Iowa hospitals and clinics, in cooperation 12 with the department of human services, shall develop and 2 13 implement no later than October 1, 2008, a plan to provide 2 14 transportation to and from the university of Iowa hospitals 2 15 and clinics for IowaCare members who live beyond the counties 2 16 adjacent to Johnson county. The plan may require the use of existing vehicles or utilize volunteer transportation. 2 17

EXPLANATION

This bill directs the department of human services to 2 19 2 20 establish a procedure to transfer an IowaCare member who seeks 2 21 medical care or treatment from a provider who is not 22 participating in the IowaCare provider network to an IowaCare 2 23 provider, if medically possible. If transfer is not medically 24 possible or if the participating provider refuses to accept 25 the transfer of the expansion population member, the 26 nonparticipating provider shall be compensated through the 2 27 fund established for such compensation under the bill. 2 28 The bill creates a fund to be used to compensate health 29 care providers who are not included in the IowaCare provider 2 30 network and who provide services to expansion population 31 members that are not reimbursable by any other third party. 32 Moneys to be deposited in the fund are moneys received from 33 sources including but not limited to appropriations from the 34 general fund of the state, grants, and contributions.
35 The bill requires that in order to be compensated through 2 1 the fund, a health care provider must submit claims to the 2 department of human services. The bill directs the department 3 to adopt rules relating to the format of and the information 4 to be included in the claims submitted. A claim shall be 3 5 submitted to the department within 45 days of provision of the 3 6 service. The bill also requires the university of Iowa hospitals and 3 8 clinics, in cooperation with the department of human services, 9 to develop and implement a plan, no later than October 1, 10 2008, to provide transportation to and from the university of Iowa hospitals and clinics for IowaCare members who live 3 12 beyond the counties adjacent to Johnson county. The bill 3 13 directs that the plan may require the use of existing vehicles 14 or utilize volunteer transportation.

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